Public Sector Industries

798. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the public sector industries in the country;

(b) the total amount invested in them by Government as on 31st March, 2003;

(c) the details of dividend paid by public sector units during 2001-02 and 2002-03; and

(d) the total amount spent by the Government as subsidies to PSUs under the administered price mechanism?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE): (a) to (c) The detailed information on Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) including their investment and dividend are available in the Public Enterprises Survey (PE Survey). The latest PE Survey for the year 2001-02 was placed in both the Houses of Parliament on 3rd March, 2003. According to PE Survey 2001-02 there were 240 CPSEs with a total investment of Rs. 324632 crore as on 31.3.2002. Out of this, the share of Government of India was Rs. 143205 crore. These CPSEs had paid a total dividend amounting to Rs. 8067 crore during the year 2001-02, the details of which are in statement no. 8 of volume-I of PE Survey 2001-02.

(d) Information is being collected.

Supply of Gas Turbines

799. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made to place orders for supply of gas turbines with the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Hyderabad and that this item should not be imported from foreign countries, as BHEL, is capable to supply the same; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE): (a) BHEL has not received such a demand. However, certain enquiries in respect of gas turbine have been received by BHEL.

(b) Does not arise.

Observations of C&AG on PSUs

800. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAr REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has criticised 97 public sector units whose losses in 2000-01 have increased by 33.8 per cent from the losses in 1999-2000; and

(b) the steps being taken to streamline working of the loss making units to make them viable?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE): (a) According to Report of the CAG of India for the year ended March 2002 Union Government (Commercial), Public Sector Undertakings, Review of Accounts, No. 1 of 2003 which was placed in both the Houses of Parliament on 24.4.2003, the accumulated losses in 97 public sector units has increased from Rs. 45,527 crore in 1999-2000 to Rs. 60,996 crore in 2001-02 (i.e. by 33.98%).

(b) Enterprise specific steps are taken by the management of the CPSU and concerned administrative Ministry/Department for improving their working. The steps taken to streamline working of loss making units include periodical review of performance by the concerned administrative Ministry/Department, referring sick CPSUs of the BIFR for formulation of revival/rehabilitation plan, business and financial restructuring, formation of joint ventures, infusion of fresh funds, improved marketing strategies, cost control measures, manpower rationalization, purchase preference for goods and services etc.